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Assignee: International Business Machines Corp.  
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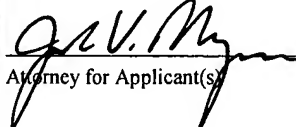
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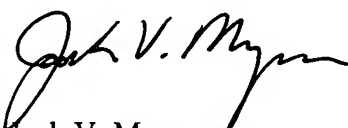
Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith four (4) sheets of formal drawings, consisting of Figures 1-4, in the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve these drawings and forward the same to the Official Draftsperson.

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